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DIARY NOTES

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25 April 1963

1. Jim Garrison telephoned to say that he thought he ought to be on the Research and Development Review Board. I told him that I thought this would be a waste of his time since I doubted very seriously that they would get into contracting.

2. I approved of Shef Edwards going on a TDY trip to the West Coast for approximately one week beginning 26 April.

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3. I talked with John Bross about our request to spend approximately \$125,000 for partitions in [REDACTED]. He finally agreed that it would not be necessary to send this request to General Carter.

4. I reviewed a number of things with Emmett Echols:

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a. I asked him to obtain detailed cost estimates on an organ or piano for the auditorium. (Incidentally, he told me that the General Counsel [REDACTED] has raised the legal question as to whether we can, in fact, have religious services in our auditorium.)

b. I approved of a letter Emmett had written denying the United Jewish Appeal permission to conduct a campaign within the Agency.

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c. Emmett advised me that we have had to call off the dogs on using [REDACTED] because he is actively engaged in the Peace Corps. This has been explained to Dr. [REDACTED] and he understands.

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d. I approved of Emmett's going to the Boston area on a recruiting trip on 9 and 10 May.

e. Emmett gave me a brief rundown on the possibility of obtaining rooms at McLean Gardens for our single girls when they report for duty. I asked him to pursue this with the manager. There would appear to be no way to do this except for the Agency to guarantee rent for a minimum number of rooms. (I think this would be well worthwhile if the General Counsel does not outlaw it.)

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5. Matt Baird was in to express his unhappiness about construction at [REDACTED] which appears to be at least six months behind schedule. It is urgently necessary that this be completed by 1 January 1964. I told Matt that I would try [REDACTED] sometime and look at this. H

6. I talked to Matt about assigning [REDACTED] as Chief of the Plans and Policy Staff of OTR. Matt would be glad to have him.

7. Stan Grogan telephoned and I briefed him on the status of the properties we are acquiring as well as those about which we have decided not to do anything at this time.

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8. [REDACTED] was in to discuss several things:

a. He made an appeal for assignment of the R&S Building to the Technical Services Division to replace their [REDACTED] space and, in fact, to make an appeal for better space for TSD generally. He said that he had sent us a paper on this subject, which I don't believe I have seen. However, I agreed to call him the next time I am going into town and to stop by the [REDACTED] and take a look at their space.

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b. John also talked about getting unitized furniture for TSD to be used in the [REDACTED]. He thought that it could be justified by better utilization of space. I told him that we had no money to buy the furniture but that, if he could make a good case on better utilization of space and TSD could supply the money, I would offer no objection and, in fact, would support it.

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c. I approved of the establishment of a Deputy Chief of Support position in TSD and the assignment of [REDACTED] to the position.

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9. [REDACTED] advised me that they were about to turn down for employment [REDACTED] who has chronic phlebitis (inflammation of the veins of the lower leg). I advised [REDACTED] who advised General Carter, who was not satisfied and asked to see the medical diagnosis. (I arranged for [REDACTED] to get it to him.)

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10. Mr. Abersfeller, GSA Regional Commissioner of Region 3, telephoned to say that he had had a call from Mrs. Fallin, who indicated that she might like to reopen negotiations about her property. (See my Memorandum of Conversation.) Mr. Abersfeller also queried me as to what we were going to say to Mr. Hansbarger about the Downs property. I told him that I would let him know in a day or two. H

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25X1A9a 11. John Bross telephoned me as a result of his conversation with George [REDACTED] about moving a part of the Comptroller's office out of the headquarters building. He will supply me with a memorandum in a day or two.

25X1A9a 12. [REDACTED] telephoned to say that Francis Hewitt, Chief Clerk of the Senate Appropriations Committee, had advised him that several senators were interested in our relationship with and contribution to the McLean Fire Department. (At John's request I have asked the Office of Logistics to draft an appropriate memorandum for John to send to Francis Hewitt.) H

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13. Matt Baird reported that he was completely disenchanted with [REDACTED] and has advised the Clandestine Services that [REDACTED] is available for reassignment at any time. I suggested to Jack Earman that he might consider [REDACTED] for the IG Staff, but I think he would be reluctant to do so. 25X1A9a 25X1A9a 25X1A9a

14. Matt told me that he appreciated very much my letter in response to his request that I accept his resignation effective December 1963. He will respond to the effect that he is willing to stay on for a while but does not want to commit himself for any specific length of time.

15. Shef Edwards reported that [REDACTED] has not yet turned in his weapon. Shef has talked to both [REDACTED] about this and has asked that either the weapon be turned in or a memorandum of justification for the weapon be provided. 25X1A9a 25X1A9a

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